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SUBJECT: PORTUGUESE FORCE DEVELOPMENT: NORWEGIAN
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1. DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF DEFENSE (ISA) GLITMAN
MET WITH NORWEGIAN UNDER SECRETARY OF DEFENSE HOLST ON
FEBRUARY 28, DISCUSSING NORWEGIAN CONTRIBUTION TO PORTU-
GUESE FORCE DEVELOPMENT AMONG OTHER TOPICS.

2. GLITMAN POINTED OUT THE IMPORTANCE OF MAKING THE
PROGRAM A BROAD NATO EFFORT AND THE NEED FOR ALL PARTICI-
PANTS TO BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS THEIR PLANNED CONTRIBU-
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TIONS AT AN EARLY MARCH MEETING OF THE NATO AD HOC GROUP
ON ASSISTANCE TO PORTUGAL. HE INFORMED HOLST THAT THE US
WAS PLANNING SOME \$30 MILLION IN GRANT MILITARY ASSIS-
TANCE TO PORTUGAL IN SUPPORT OF A NEW PORTUGUESE NATO-
COMM;TTED BRIGADE, AND EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE NOR-
WEGIANS WOULD MAKE A SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTION TO THE
PORTUGUESE NEEDS.

3. HOLST REPLIED THAT THE NORWEGIANS HAD ALREADY BEGUN CONSIDERATION OF THE PORTUGUESE NEEDS AND HOPED TO CONTRIBUTE WITHIN THEIR CAPABILITIES. HE SUGGESTED THAT THE NORWEGIAN CONTRIBUTION WOULD MORE LIKELY BE IN THE AREAS OF TRAINING AND PERHAPS OF UPGRADING THE PORTUGUESE

DESTROYERS RATHER THAN IN THE AREAS OF BRIGADE AND AIR FORCE NEEDS. HOLST SAID THAT THE NORWEGIANS WILL MAKE THEIR DELIBERATIONS KNOWN TO THE US AND OTHER ALLIES AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

4. WE APPRECIATE EMBASSY OSLO EFFORTS TO KEEP IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH THE NORWEGIANS ON THIS ISSUE.

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